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JOHNSTON LETTER.

W. C. T. U. Convention. Smith-Holmes Marriage. Death of Mrs. Harriet Kenny. Ball Game Played.

The two business days of the W. C. T. U. convention were very full and busy ones.

On Monday at ten o'clock the president, Mrs. Joseph Spratt of Manning, called the meeting to order. It was a source of pleasure to have all the officers present, these being Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. J. L. Mims, Mrs. T. R. Denny, Miss Cleo Attaway, and Miss Antoinette Denny.

There were only four superintendents of departments present, Mrs. J. R. Montgomery, Mrs. Mamie Tillman, Mrs. J. J. Myers and Miss Zena Payne.

The convention was opened with the Crusade Psalm, responsive reading, with prayer by Mrs. Morton of Columbia. The delegates were welcomed on behalf of the union by Miss Zena Payne and Mrs. Nellie Mirandi of Columbia made the response.

The roll call and voting strength of delegates was shown to be 67.

The reports of the officers were heard and from these splendid work of the year was reviewed. The report of the president was considered one of the best and when she concluded, the white ribbon cheer was given her. The report of the State treasurer showed that over \$2,700 had passed through her hands, leaving a balance of \$900.

The report of the editor of the Palmetto White Ribbon, Mrs. J. L. Mims, was very interesting. She exhibited copies of the first issues and had bound the past year's issues. The W. C. T. U. is the only organization in the state with an official organ and this paper is well carrying out its purposes. The state body is deeply grateful to Mrs. Mims for her work in editing this, which she does just for the love of the cause. The Union Signal and Young Crusader were also presented.

At 12 o'clock the memorial service was held, there being several members who had passed into the Great Beyond.

At one o'clock a luncheon was served in the Sunday school rooms and all seemed to enjoy this opportunity of mingling and meeting with friends.

During the afternoon the superintendents of the various departments gave reports of their work. This organization is rich in fields for work in the various lines and much accomplished good was reported.

In the reports of the unions Florence had secured the largest number of new members and had raised more money for the cause. Aiken union had done the best work in the Flower Mission.

Every one was deeply interested in the work of the Travelers' Aid as told by Mrs. Mirandi of Columbia.

Pledges for state work were taken and nearly all the unions made pledges, and many of the officers gave personal pledges, the total being over \$800.

Monday evening was for the young people and these boys and girls well entertained the audience with songs and recitations. Miss Ora Belle Perry of Johnston was presented the grand gold medal in song.

Mr. Ned Nicholson of Edgefield received the gold medal for declamation. Miss Inez Rhoden of Johnston received the gold medal in song.

All of the contestants did splendidly and it was really a task for the judges to render a decision.

The chief feature of the session Tuesday morning was the address by Mrs. Walker of the Georgia W. C. T. U., who was an honor guest. Her message was a heart to heart one, and will be of benefit to her hearers.

The address of Hon. B. W. Crouch of Saluda was also one of much interest. His subject was "What steps should our recently enfranchised citizens take to fit and prepare themselves for their new duties and responsibilities?" He congratulated the convention body on being the first to have a meeting that the women might learn of duties of citizenship. He knew that the womanhood

of South Carolina could and would effect political affairs for good. There are many organizations and movements in our state of the women and all are productions of great good.

Following his address, a question box was conducted.

Lunch of fried chicken, ham, salad, sandwiches, pickle, cake and iced tea was served. The men said the ladies still knew how to cook with all their knowledge of the ballot.

The afternoon was taken up with the election of officers, all of whom were reelected and also the superintendents of departments.

Mrs. J. L. Mims, chairman of committee on resolutions reported these embodying the underlying principles of which the state organization stands. They were adopted. There were several matters of miscellaneous business for discussion. The continued illness of the speaker of the evening was spoken of and it was requested by Mrs. Hatcher, local superintendent of the flower mission, that flowers be sent her in the name of the W. C. T. U. Beautiful flowers were sent.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, all in a great circle with hands clasped and after the Aaronic benediction the president declared the convention adjourned.

Tuesday evening a large crowd gathered to hear Dr. R. G. Lee of Edgefield, who had very kindly consented to take the place of the speaker, Mrs. Perkins. Dr. Lee needed no introduction and was heard with much pleasure. Aside from his wonderful message, he is loved here by all, who are ever ready to hear him. His subject was "The value of religion in all things." He pictured the reverse and reality of this and his whole address was a fitting message for the close of such a convention. During his address he alluded to the women as they entered on duties of citizenship. He said some people seemed to fear that woman would muddle things, would really make conditions bad. He alluded to the already bad conditions of affairs and ended by saying that as to the ballot box—it was indeed in need of some sweetening, some perfuming.

Collection was taken for state work, amounting to \$214.00.

Resolutions of thanks were read by Mrs. J. L. Mims, these being on behalf of the convention body.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung as a final ending.

On Wednesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Payne and little Margaret Helen were taken desperately ill and it was soon found they were suffering from ptomaine poison. Physicians were called at once and had it not been for such immediate medical attention their lives might not have been saved. They were quite ill during the night but by next afternoon began to reach a more normal state.

Just what caused the poisoning has not been quite decided. The cook was also sick but not as serious as they were.

Mrs. J. D. Waters of Saluda visited Mrs. Mary Waters last week and during the latter part of the week she and Miss Mallie Waters went to Augusta to visit Miss Annie Waters.

Mrs. Mena Calhoun is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ben Wright.

Miss Lillian Mobley has recovered from her recent sickness and her many friends are delighted to see her out again.

Mrs. Harry C. Strother entertained last week and the occasion was a most delightful one. The club is composed of class mates, so of course, is a most congenial one. The time was spent in chatting, music and doing fancy work, and during the latter part of the time the hostess invited her guests to the dining room where, at a prettily appointed table a dainty salad course with iced tea was served. She was assisted in entertaining by Miss Frances Turner and Mrs. Wallace Turner.

Mrs. Walter Ouzts has the sympathy of her friends in the death of her sister, which occurred last week at Troy, S. C. Accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Kemp, she went to be at the bedside of her sister.

Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins, who was the guest of honor at the State W. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams Celebrate Golden Wedding.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dorn, Mrs. J. P. Nixon and Miss Helen Dorn attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams at Plum Branch. They reported a very pleasant day. A barbecue dinner was served and many of the family and friends were present to congratulate this happy pair on their good fortune.

Mrs. Adams was Miss Hettie Mims. They now reside at Plum Branch, their only child, Dr. Ben Adams being a physician there.

Our informant as to the proceedings of the day was a man. If a woman had reported it, there would have been many more frills attached to the write-up.

Home Burned.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Willis of Gaffney was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night about 10 o'clock while Mr. and Mrs. Willis were away visiting at Greer. The home had very recently been bought and remodeled. Mrs. Willis will be remembered by many friends as Miss Marie Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marsh of Harmony.

T. U. convention was taken quite ill on Monday of the convention and was unable to give but two addresses which were on Sunday. She was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wright during her stay here and expressed her great appreciation of the kindness of all to her during her sickness. On Thursday afternoon she went to Augusta and from there to Tennessee where she hoped to be able to address the State convention of the W. C. T. U.

Mr. Willis Holmes and Miss Mary Smith were married Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Padgett. The affair was a quiet but beautiful one, the home being artistically decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. S. Brooke and after hearty congratulations and good wishes, a wedding feast was served. Later the happy pair left in their automobile for a wedding trip, but they did not reveal their destination.

The bride was very sweet and winsome in a modish coat suit with all accessories matching, and she carried a shower bouquet. She is a lovable young woman of many noble qualifications. The groom is assistant postmaster here and is a young man of sterling worth. Their many friends wish to them loving and sincere good wishes.

The gentle spirit of Mrs. Harriett Kenney passed away during the early hours of Monday morning. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Harmony. A later notice will appear.

The recent W. C. T. U. meeting was held with Mrs. John Sawyer and was in the nature of an echo meeting, all giving impressions of the recent state convention. A committee was appointed to aid during next week which is membership week, a big drive being on. Mrs. L. W. Walker of Georgia remained over to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. T. R. Denny, after attending the convention here, and gave a talk on "The women of our state and the maintaining of her womanhood." Mrs. Walker is a gifted and charming woman.

The foot ball team of the Johnston High school went over to Bamberg last Thursday to play against the team of the Carlisle Fitting school. The visiting team was entertained, most of them in the school barracks and the boys all report a fine time. Mr. William Watson of this place is one of the teachers, Mr. Jacob Smith a student, so there was much mutual pleasure in the meeting.

Mr. Cleveland Derrick accompanied the team from here which is composed of some star players. The game resulted in a score favorable to Bamberg but the young men so enjoyed the trip and really did some fine playing, that they returned in such good spirits it appeared they were victorious. The local team will play North Augusta here on Friday afternoon.

School Banquet and Reception in Aurora, Minnesota.

Dear Advertiser:

The old phrase "wined and dined" is no longer good form. It is only proper to use the latter part of the expression. The Greek Bacchus, and the American John Barleycorn, are vanishing specters of an ancient order that is changing and giving place to the new.

We were dined on last Friday evening at a sumptuous banquet given by the school board in honor of the Aurora teachers.

The dictionary says that a banquet is a rich feast. That is an excellent definition, and I cannot improve upon it.

On entering the hall we were greeted by light, color, and well appointed tables gleaming with silver. At every plate there was a tiny card bearing on each the name of a favored guest. Among the many ladies, there were several gentlemen teachers, the superintendent of the school district, Mr. Stanley Adkins; the principal, Mr. Paul O. Stone, and several dignitaries, members of the Aurora school board.

This particular form of repast offers food for the mind as well as for the body. The genial toast master, Mr. Adkins, put everyone at their ease and began the programme by calling on the teacher who had had the longest term of service, for a speech. Her response was very clever as she welcomed the new teachers. Mr. Halstrom, president of the board made an address.

I myself am convinced that Aurora is an unusual town, for it has wonders under the earth, in the form of extensive mines, wonders on the surface of the earth as shown by its very excellent schools and wonders in the heavens above in the form of the Northern Lights, or aurora borealis, which play like search lights across the sky.

The response to the address of welcome was given by Mr. Kirkpatrick in behalf of the teachers. Mr. Blanche, also of the school board made some witty remarks.

Some of the faculty have such practical names as Barber, Barnes, Church, Holaday, Sharp, Cross, Taylor, Stone and Soule, Miss Kief arranged these in a number of puns, which Mr. Stone read and the guests were soon in peals of laughter.

Miss Helen Church and Miss Mary Stevens delighted the hearers with a vocal and a violin solo. Miss Barber gave a piano solo, and the writer of this article read two negro dialect selections. Good cheer and comradeship were the keynotes of the occasion.

At the conclusion of the program the guests repaired to the gymnasium hall, where an orchestra furnished music for all who wished to dance.

The contrast between the solemnity of the school room and the gaiety of a social gathering finds a school teacher enjoying herself more than the ordinary individual. For the school teacher has no less a social side than an intellectual.

The fact that she has been associated more with geography texts and dictionaries does not make her the less appropriate in a setting of Japanese lanterns and frills.

FLORENCE MIMS.

Aurora, Minn.

To the Democratic Women of Edgefield County.

Last week Mrs. R. A. Cooper of Columbia called me up over the phone and insisted that I act as Democratic Committeewoman for Edgefield county to solicit funds for the Democratic party from the women of our county and from the men, too, if they wish to contribute.

Already the women of other counties are contributing to this fund. "The State" of Sunday mentioned the following gifts from several counties: Aiken, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, chairman, \$43; Calhoun, Mrs. T. M. Wannamaker, \$23; Chesterfield, Mrs. William Pollock, \$143.50; Newberry, Mrs. R. D. Wright, \$146; York, Miss Margaret Gist, \$14.

These reports were only partial, as chairmen are asked to send in their reports as soon as they are received, not waiting for the full col-

lections, so that the money may be used as soon as possible.

One woman in another county sent a check for \$5.00 and said: "I did not work for suffrage, but since it has been granted I think every woman in the South should shoulder her share of the responsibility which it brings."

Every Democratic woman in Edgefield county is asked to contribute at least \$1.00 to this fund. Let us as patriots of Edgefield county be found among the loyal and not be regarded by the women of other counties as delinquents.

Mrs. Richard I. Manning of Columbia, National Committeewoman for South Carolina makes an earnest appeal to the women of our state to come forward promptly and enter upon the new duties of citizenship. Mrs. Manning says: "It is the immediate duty of every patriotic woman in South Carolina to register and also to contribute to the National Democratic campaign fund. Formerly it was just that we should leave it to the men to raise a sufficient number of Democratic dollars for the legitimate campaign purposes, but now things are different and the responsibility rests on the women as well as the men."

The Edgefield officers of the Woman Voters League as appears at the head of this column are authorized to receive and solicit funds from any women in our country and the money can be sent or brought to me at my home or at "The Advertiser" office.

As fast as funds come in they will be forwarded to Mrs. James Cain of Columbia, State Treasurer.

In a few days, if my report is made Mrs. Cooper will be calling me up over the phone to know why there is no response. I should be ashamed to say to her that this appeal came to an indifferent womanhood. Help me to prove the patriotism of Edgefield women.

Mrs. J. L. MIMS.

Coming! "A Rose Dream." (Synopsis)

Little Rose, who has wandered away from home and is lost, falls asleep. The fairies find her and the Fairy Queen designates Hop-o-my-Thumb to guide her through the Land of the Lost, and later to Fairyland, her kingdom. Little Rose, with a band of Roses as her bodyguard, sees much to delight and interest her. The fairies with their dainty charm; the mischievous elves, who are never at rest, it would seem, the giant Forget—all these she meets through her wonderful guide Hop-o-my-Thumb.

In the second part, they have brought her to Fairyland itself, where the lovely queen of the fairies holds court. Can and Can't, the twins are here, and Little Rose finds a tiny bud amidst her bunch of roses. The fairies and the elves do their best to entertain her, the Queen is most gracious to her, but all this delight cannot keep a mortal, Little Rose, from getting tired and sleepy, and as these are fairies of the day, the Queen sends Hop-o-my-Thumb with a message to Little Rose's mother, that she will find her daughter sleeping 'neath the lilac tree in the park, and the last chorus of the fairies, preparatory to taking flight, leave Little Rose sleepily leaning against the Fairy Throne; even her attendant roses are drowsy and drooping, since the Queen tells us—

"A mortal child can never stay in Fairyland but for a day."

And so the fall of the curtain ends the day in Fairyland and A Rose Dream.

This charming little Fairy Operetta will be given by the children of the first four grades on Friday night, October 22, 1920. General admission, 35 cents; school children, 20 cents.

Shirley-Corley.

Married by Dr. R. G. Lee on Sunday afternoon, October 10, Miss Genora Shirley of Edgefield to Mr. Jas. F. Corley of Cleora. The marriage took place at the parsonage.

Redd-Brice.

Married by Dr. R. G. Lee, Tuesday, October 12, at the parsonage, Miss Sadie Redd of Edgefield to Mr. E. F. Brice of Winnsboro.

Miss Madge Mays Charming Complimented.

Miss Madge Mays was the lovely honoree at the party given in Trenton Saturday afternoon, October the ninth by Mrs. J. G. Edwards and Mrs. Sam Morrall, at the latter's home.

Mrs. W. E. Lott received at the door, inviting the guests into the hall where the Japanese decorations gave the key note of the charming scheme. Quantities of deep red dahlias, red Japanese shades for the lights and Misses Margaret Courtney and Susan Mathis in red Japanese costumes presented a glowing picture, carrying out the far-East idea in the pretty tea table where tea, favorite beverage of the land of cherry blossoms, was served by the above pretty Japs from real Japanese tea services.

Mrs. F. W. Miller and Mrs. Shealy ushered the guests into the reception room, which was exquisitely decorated in pink. Vases of pink chrysanthemums and cosmos and pink Jap candle shades toned in with the lovely pink window draperies.

The bride elect's costume of orchid georgette with nature's touch of the living green of stem and leaf, showing in the becoming sash, and the lovely details of a corsage of pink roses and silver slippers, made an enchanting picture as she received with her two gracious hostesses and Mrs. D. G. Gambrell, Miss Isabel Bailey and Miss Ella Mays, Greenwood visitors in the home of the honoree's father, Mr. Sam Mays.

Miss Elizabeth Lott, in a becoming pink Japanese costume, presided over the bride's book, registering the guests.

Music, which always adds so sweet a note was furnished continuously by Miss Julia Wise, interspersed with two appropriate solos from Miss Ruth Tompkins and that favorite old love ballad, "Annie Laurie," sung by Mrs. J. D. Mathis, beloved friend of the bride's mother. As the notes of the wedding march was sounded two adorable baby Japs, Ella Morrall and James Mathis came in under a Jap parasol, carrying a shower of exquisite gifts for the popular honor guest, which they gracefully presented.

After seeing the many lovely gifts, the guests were bidden into the dining room where a buffet salad course was served. This room was all in yellow, chrysanthemums and marigolds being used profusely.

The lace cover on the tea table contrasted with the yellow over which it lay, yellow baskets contained salted peanuts and as in the other rooms, the many soft lights shown through Japanese shades being yellow in the dining room to carry out the glorious golden scheme. The elaborate menu consisted of chicken salad, tomatoes on lettuce hearts with mayonnaise, potato chips, pickles, crackers and coffee, served with whipped cream.

Little Janie Edwards was daintily attired in a yellow Japanese costume and she dispensed silken bags of rice as souvenirs of the beautifully designed party.

The guests included Greenwood, Edgefield and Trenton friends, who enjoyed doubly the opportunity of being together and complimenting the bride elect whom all three places lovingly claim.

Old Friends Returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bates of Greenville and Miss Aileen McGee spent Sunday here with their aunts, Mrs. May Hartley and Miss Ella Bates and cousin, Mrs. Feltham. These friends and relatives of so many Edgefield people were heartily welcomed. To prove that one cannot even after years of separation, get away from the heritage of the past, the soft, melodious voice which characterizes all the family was clearly recognizable even in a conversation over the telephone. This short visit must be only an introduction to many longer ones.

Civic League to Hold Important Meeting.

On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the library rooms an important meeting of the Civic League will be held, when committees will be expected to make their reports.